# Wyoming Medication Donation Program

## Don't Let Expensive Medicine Go To Waste!



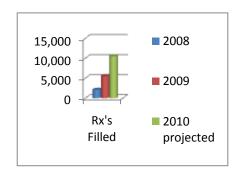
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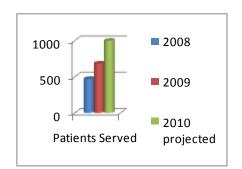
# What is the Medication Donation Program?

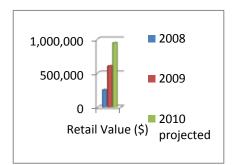
The Drug Donation Program Act was passed by the Wyoming Legislature in 2005. Under the act, unused medications can be donated to participating sites. Donation sites are then able to dispense medications to individuals who could not otherwise afford their medications. Recipients of donated medications include Wyoming residents with a valid prescription. Each dispensing site determines their own criteria as to what constitutes limited resources

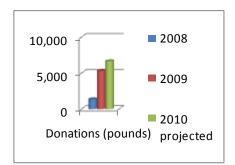
## Success!

### A quick look at the numbers









Wyoming Medication Donation Program can be reached at:

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http://wdh.state.wy.us/healthcarefin/pharmacy/MedicationDonation.html







# We're Moving!

#### Wyoming's Medication Donation Program Finds a New Home

Due to an extremely successful pilot program in Cheyenne, Wyoming, the Wyoming Medication Donation Program (WMDP) will be relocating from the Cheyenne Regional Medical Center East facility to Cheyenne Health and Wellness in January 2011.

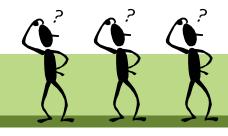
The primary focus of the WMDP is to accept and sort medication donations, track inventory, properly dispose of unusable donations and distribute the usable medications state-wide through designated dispensing sites. Dispensing sites

include clinics/pharmacies within the state that serve the low-income, underinsured and uninsured populations. Such sites are Free Clinics, homeless clinics state-wide and the Laramie County Centralized Pharmacy.

Dispensing sites are encouraged to use the inventory the WMDP has in stock to serve patients in your area. Due to factors affecting the change of location, the current online inventory is unavailable but should be updated by the end of 2010.



Current donated inventory of medications ready to be moved and shelved for patient use – it's easy to see why we need more space!



#### What Can and Cannot be Donated?

The Wyoming Medication Donation Program can accept any un-opened or unit dosed medications in sealed packaging.

We are <u>unable</u> to accept any controlled substances such as pain medications (Percocet, Vicodin), sleeping aids (Ambien, Lunesta), anti-anxiety medications (Xanax, Klonopin), refrigerated medications (such as insulin), or loose pills in bottles. This is due to the safety and integrity of loose pills and refrigerated items.

#### Did you know...?

- ✓ Not all expired medication is unusable!
- ✓ From January to July of 2010 over 685 pounds of useable, expired medications were donated to missions for use overseas.
- ✓ WMDP filled 301 prescriptions for statewide patients in 2009.



### Proper Medication Disposal

Many people are unaware of the proper way to dispose of unwanted or expired medications.

Traditionally, medications have been disposed of by flushing them down the toilet or drain; however, this method can pollute our wastewater and cause many unwanted effects to fish, wildlife and eventually humans.

Instead, unwanted medications can be disposed of in the household trash after a few alterations have been made to the medication itself. First, scratch out any patient identifying information present on the container, while leaving content information visible. Next, modify the contents to discourage consumption. Add a small amount of water to dissolve tablets and mix with coffee grounds or other undesirable substance. Add salt, flour, charcoal or other non-toxic spice to liquids to make a mixture no one would ingest. Wrap any packages containing pills in layers of opaque tape to disguise them. Next, tape the container shut and place inside of an opaque container

or bag so the contents cannot be seen. The container can now be placed in the trash. Remember, never put medications in the recycling bin.

Medications should not be disguised within food products, because they could be found and consumed by wildlife.



#### Who Can Donate?

The Wyoming Medication Donation Program welcomes donations from any individual or entity (e.g. physicians, health care facilities or drug manufacturers). Please feel free to contact the WYMDP if you need help with shipping or have any additional questions. Thank you!

### **THANKS TO**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who donate medication(s) to the Wyoming Medication Donation Program. The services that we offer would not be possible without your contributions. Together, we can make a difference in the community and individual lives. We appreciate and look forward to your continued support in the future!



### Wyoming Medication Donation Program

We need your help! In order for the continued success of the Wyoming Medication Donation Program we welcome your donations. For more information about donations or to request medications for your dispensing site please contact us.

On the web at:

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